for is insignificant, and in some cases they are entertained. It is, therefore, requested that clear orders may be issued for the disposal of darkhasts of this nature.

Reply of Government.—Deputy Commissioners will be asked to expedite the disposal of such darkhasts.

SUBJECT No. 91.

Relinquished lands to be given on free tenure for three years and at half the assessment for three more years.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In order to attract raiyats of other parts to undertake the cultivation of resigned lands, such lands should be given for cultivation free of kandayam for three years and at half the assessed rate for three more years, the entire amount of kandayam being payable after six years.

NOTE.—(The representation is limited to Sagar Taluk.)

Reply of Government.—A special report will be called for about such relinquishments in the Sagar Taluk, and the available land to which special cowl rules may be introduced.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Discontinuance of Hulbanni.

Messrs. M. Chinnappa, Venkatasami Reddi, Srinivaspur Taluk; and Davudkhan Sab, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It will be a piece of charity on the part of Government to do away with the hulbanni revenue on Government unoccupied lands.

Reply of Government.—The request has reference only to this year. A special report will be called for from all the Deputy Commissioners.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Throwing open beds of tanks reserved as Amrut Mahal Kavals for grazing purposes.

Mr. Hutcheeregowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Beds of certain tanks have been reserved as Amrut Mahal Kavals and the raiyats are deprived of the privilege of grazing their cattle in the beds of such tanks. But the liability of executing annual earthwork to tank bunds continues all the same. Orders for the removal of such disabilities may kindly be issued.

Reply of Government.—There is no necessity for a general concession of this kind.

SUBJECT No. 94.

Appropriation of gomal lands by the Forest Department

Mr. Syed Sab, Kankanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The proposal to include part of the taluk gomal for the State Forest is under contemplation. If this is done, the cattle will be left without sufficient grazing especially in the backward taluk of Kankanhalli. So the existing allotment may be left undisturbed.

Reply of Government.—The matter should first be represented to the Settlement Officer and an appeal preferred to the Deputy Commissioner if necessary. Finally the Government may be approached, if any need to do so arises. This is not a matter for this Assembly.

SUBJECT No. 95.

Remission of assessment on hittals.

(*a*) Messrs. Patnagere Ranganna of Kadur Taluk; A. Shama Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk; Nadig Seenappa and Patel Basappa of the Shimoga Taluk.

(*b*) Messrs. Channakesava Setti and Varada Iyengar of the Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Hittals in excess of ten guntas are now assessed. As raiyats require larger extents of hittals than ten guntas, the assessment levied on them may be remitted.

(*b*) The limit of ten guntas may be raised.

Reply of Government.—The question of reducing the maximum was considered and orders passed in September last, confirming the present maximum for the next two years. This order cannot now be revised.

SUBJECT No. 96.

Acreage assessment on hittals.

Mr. Pedachavalli Sanne Gowda, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the rules recently issued, the minimum assessment to be fixed on hittal and vacant sites is eight annas. Land-holders owning one gunta or twenty guntas are assessed equally. Acreage assessment may therefore be ordered to be fixed at the rates levied on coffee or dry lands.

Reply of Government.—The assessment imposed is actually the acreage assessment with a minimum of eight annas. Government decided in 1903 that there was no need to revise the rates. This order cannot now be revised and the minimum cannot be lowered.

SUBJECT No. 97.

Revision of assessment on vacant building sites.

Messrs. Hutcheere Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; Chendrasekharaiya and Gundappa, Nagamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The procedure to be adopted in fixing assessment on vacant building sites prescribed by Government in Order No. 724-34 -R. F. 82-96-7, dated 20th August 1903, has not been adopted in the Tumkur District. The subject is pressed for issuing necessary orders to the authorities to give effect to it without delay.

(*b*) It is prayed that the old rate of tax on vacant building sites may be revised.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur will be directed to see that the order is brought into force throughout the district promptly.

SUBJECT No. 98.

(*a*) Building sites in villages to be given gratis.
(*b*) or to be sold for an upset price.

Messrs. Nadig Seenappa, Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk; D. S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Tk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Building sites in villages when applied for are required to be sold by auction as per rules in force. By this the site will be purchased by the highest bidder and the poor applicant will not get it. The raiyatsin villages with a view to trouble the applicant go on making bids and thus the poor raiyat cannot sometimes hope to purchase a site in the village. It is therefore requested that when village sites are applied for, they should be given to the applicants gratis without sale.

(*b*) Ditto to be sold for an upset price.

Reply of Government.—Revenue Rule 45 gives ample discretion to the Deputy Commissioner in such cases.

SUBJECT No. 99.

Exemption of hittals having houses thereon from sales for arrears of revenue.

Mr. Rama Iyengar, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As a consequence of low prices of coffee and cardamoms, many lands are left fallow in the Manjarabad Taluk and the raiyats are reduced to poverty. Arrears of revenue have therefore increased. In adopting measures for the recovery of kandayam people will be further impoverished if the hittals adjoining houses are sold. Rules may therefore be altered enjoining that hittals with houses thereon should not be sold.